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**CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCES APPOINTMENTS  
TO CITY OF CHICAGO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

A number of appointments to the Cultural Affairs and Special Events Advisory Council were introduced to City Council today. The following appointees represent the City of Chicago's diverse communities and astute business leaders.

"Throughout their careers, these individuals have shown a deep dedication to serving communities across Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "My administration is committed to providing people in every neighborhood with the highest quality and most effective services. Through their leadership and hard work, I'm confident these appointees will help the City achieve its goals."

**Appointed as a Member of the Cultural Affairs and Special Events Advisory Council**

- Chay Yew: Playwright and Artistic Director of Victory Gardens Theater.
- Carolina Jayaram: CEO of the United States Artists.
- Angel Ysaguirre. Executive Director of the Illinois Humanities.
- Maria Pinto. Designer

**Reappointed as a Member of the Cultural Affairs and Special Events Advisory Council**

- Carol L. Adams, Dusable Museum, President
- Anita Blanchard, University of Chicago Medical Center, M.D.
- Homer H. Bryant, Chicago Multi-cultural Dance, Founder and Artistic Director
- Antonia J. Contro, Marwen, Executive Director
- Kevin Coval, Artist
- Nora Daley, Steppenwolf Theater, Board Chair.
- Baraka de Soleil, Artist
- Jay L. Franke, Chicago Dancing Festival, Co-Founder and Co-Artistic Director
- Jeanne K. Gang, Studio Gang Architects, Ltd., President and Founder
- Theaster Gates, Jr., Artist
- Sandra P. Guthman, Polk Bros. Foundation, Chief Executive Officer
- Marjorie S. Halperin, Marj Halperin Consulting, President and Owner
- Mary Ittelson, Ittelson Consulting, President
- Ra O. Joy, Arts Alliance Illinois, Executive Director
- Eileen LaCario, Broadway in Chicago, Vice President

- Shirley R. Madigan, Illinois Arts Council, Chair
- Diana L. Martinez, DLM Entertainment Consulting, President
- Sheila M. O'Grady, Spencer Stuart, Consultant
- Mike Reed, Artist
- Jane M. Saks, Project &
- Rebeccah A. Sanders, Audubon Society
- Roell A. Schmidt, Links Hall
- Michael P. Thornton, Gift Theater, Artistic Director and Co-Founder
- Howard A. Tullman, 1871, Chief Executive Officer
- Ernest C. Wong, Site Design Group, Ltd., Architect

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